



Broken Hill Mountain Bike Club Inc.

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3HR ENDURO

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Sunday August 31st 2014

To quote an iconic 80's rock song, "It's a Fine Line between Pleasure and Pain" summed up the, now annual, Broken Hill MTB club 3HRevent. With a reasonably stiff North Westerly wind to contend with and several pinch climbs to negotiate each lap, it was always going to be a tough assignment, riding down the technical 'Mapa Valley' for the first time in many years as well as the tight downhill at 'Octopussy'. It was certainly going to test the upper body fitness as well as the legs. C grade riders rode a shorter version than the main course but still had plenty of technical sections to contend with each lap.

With all riders getting underway just after 8am. It was no surprise to see sheep shearing sensation, Steve Chinner, disappear up the track on the first lap and never to be spotted again till the finish line but the rest of the rest of the field managed to remain reasonably close in the early stages of the race. 'Marty' Devlin had ideas of an attack on the first main descent and all was going to plan until a touch of handlebars suddenly booked Brian an appointment with a native shrub. Post race chat hinted the EPA were requesting a full report !!! Anyway, later on the first lap a loud squeal was heard up in 'Snake Gully, turns out, the runny nosed culprit (we'll call Les) flicked up a pebble and hit him on the beak. The scream from the impact was like something from a horror movie. It was later recommended that for future events, Lesley carry a hanky and wear chin pads. The 'Çramp Dept' reported patients Elston, Adams (who was comfortably holding down 3rd place till retirement on the final lap) and Devlin should revise their nutrition and hydration plans before the next event.

The ongoing Algate household rivalry ended heavily in dame Megan's favour, fuelled by the antics of her husband at the previous race, in what can only be described as an old fashioned belting... Megan put a massive, and I mean massive, 13 odd minutes on not so slick Nick by the finish (WARNING!! Look out rest of field, this girl is getting quicker and quicker)

C grade saw Con the Fruiterer Richo hold off our fearless leader and Caaaarrrrrllton supporter Olly who both completed 4 laps of the circuit. Well done to Kaylee who completed 4 laps of the junior course and a lap of the long course in her first hit out in a couple of months.

The junior girls saw Oakleigh and Holly put in a great effort with both girls completing 3 laps and were only separated by 12 secs at the finish. Finley and Ryan competed in the Junior boys and they had a top hit out together, in the end Finley smashed out 5 laps and Ryan 4 laps. These juniors are continuing to get better and we're sure there are other kids around town that would enjoy this great outdoors activity.

Again a big thanks to Brodee, your time, effort and dedication to the club is greatly appreciated

NEXT EVENT

WHAT: Silvertown Heritage Trail Course (6.6km)

WHERE : Start/Finish Silvertown Souvenir Shop and pub

WHEN : Sunday 14th September

REGO : 7:15 to 7:45 with race start 8 am

More Info: <http://www.bhmtb.asn.au/>



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A GRADE

	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4
1 STEVE CHINNER	0:40:41	1:23:02	2:06:31	2:50:19
2 BENNY GOODMAN	0:43:09	1:27:42	2:13:43	3:03:40
3 LES BORCHARD	0:43:39	1:28:29	2:17:01	3:05:32
4 MEGAN ALGATE	0:45:03	1:30:51	2:17:41	3:05:58
5 TONY HEPBURN	0:45:50	1:32:56	2:23:06	3:15:48
6 NICK ALGATE	0:47:00	1:34:37	2:23:51	3:18:25
7 GEORGE ADAMS	0:42:36	1:27:33	2:15:22	
8 BRIAN DEVLIN	0:44:05	1:30:53	2:22:58	
9 PAUL ELSTON	0:47:12	1:34:53	2:29:05	

C GRADE

	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5
1 DARREN RICHARDS	0:44:16	1:28:32	2:15:24	3:05:03	
2 CRAIG OLSEN	0:44:51	1:30:02	2:16:45	3:07:51	
3 KAYLEE OLSEN	0:19:21	0:40:29	1:03:29	1:28:10	3:05:15

JUNIOR GIRLS

	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3
1 OAKLEIGH OLSEN	0:31:12	1:03:37	1:27:31
2 HOLLY BORCHARD	0:31:09	1:09:01	1:27:43

JUNIOR BOYS

	Lap 1	Lap 2	Lap 3	Lap 4	Lap 5
1 FINLEY ADAMS	0:18:05	0:36:57	0:59:07	1:23:20	1:47:04
2 RYAN BORCHARD	0:18:44	0:37:12	1:02:20	1:27:30	